

Dear Commissioners, I wish to express my opposition to Broadband Over Power Line (BPL).

My opposition is based on the interference to the Amateur Radio service and to those listening to shortwave radio.

The Amateur Radio service was a valuable service on 9/11, providing communications backup and helping survivors contact loved ones. Given the current terrorist threat we now face, I believe that it is unreasonable to hamper this valuable - and free - resource with a known source of interference.

Further, it is simply unnecessary. While I'm sure that the power companies are looking for a new profit center, that is insufficient reason to allow them to run roughshod over others who don't have the enormous budgets for political lobbyists. There are other alternatives available for broadband that don't interfere with other services, including cable, DSL and satellites services such as DirectWay.

Sincerely yours,

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